



Important information needed by the police:

- What happened?
- When did it happen?
- Is there any injury?
- License plate number
- Vehicle description
- Direction of flight
- Description of person(s) involved
(i.e. age, gender, race, hair color, facial features, height, weight, weapons, and clothing items)

If you see anything suspicious, call 757-441-5610. If you see a crime in progress, call 9-1-1.



Contact the Norfolk Crime Prevention Unit to schedule a Neighborhood Watch program in your area.

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**City of Norfolk
Police
Department**

Neighborhood Watch Program

Report any suspicious activity if...

- A stranger enters your neighbor's house when it is unoccupied
- You see anyone removing license plates, car accessories, or siphoning gasoline
- Anyone is seen peering into parked cars or houses
- Apparent business transactions are observed being conducted from a vehicle
- You see anyone loitering around schools, parks, secluded areas or on the street
- Any vehicle is moving slowly and without lights, or if one is seen following an apparently aimless course
- There are vehicles containing one or more persons parked during unusual hours
- A car was abandoned on a street - it may have been stolen or ditched after a crime
- Vehicles are being loaded with valuables in front of unoccupied houses
- The sound of breaking glass or loud explosive noises can be heard
- You see anyone being forced into a vehicle
- Anyone appears to be involved in gang activity - watch for uniformly colored clothing or jewelry



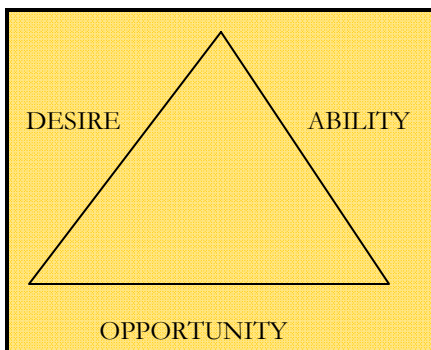
**Neighborhood
crime prevention is
a team effort .**

Neighborhood Watch (NW) is a program that is designed to promote security concerns and awareness in your neighborhood. This program will allow you and your neighbors to cooperate and watch out for unusual and suspicious activities in your area. Police participation is involved through frequent patrolling and informing residents about effective home security techniques.

Note: Police officers may not recognize strangers in your area, but your neighbors would.

An effective learning tool in Neighborhood Watch is the **Crime Prevention Triangle** formula. It simply states that in order for a crime to occur all three of these triangle elements must exist: **Desire**, **Ability**, and **Opportunity**.

If we can eliminate any of these elements a crime cannot occur.



To start a Neighborhood Watch group:

- Coordinate a date, time, and location for your neighborhood's initial meeting with a Norfolk Police Crime Prevention Officer. During this meeting, the officer will offer tips on home security, crime awareness, operation identification, and procedures on reporting suspicious activities.

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- Elect the following NW officers:

1. *Watch Coordinator* - to help lead the group
2. *Block Captains* - to represent individual neighborhood blocks
3. *Community Resource Officer* - to serve as a police contact
4. *Block Watchers* - to report suspicious activity to Block Captains
5. *Separate Committees* - to address specific issues or tasks

Operation Identification involves engraving your valuables with identification numbers to help deter thieves from stealing something that can be easily traced to a rightful owner. Operation ID warning stickers indicate to burglars that property within the premises is marked.

Electric engravers can be borrowed for free at the Crime Prevention Unit. Please return the tool within three days. You will then receive Operation ID decals which warn burglars that all valuables in your home have been marked and can be traced by police. Display the decals on front and rear doors at eye level where burglars can see them.

Mark all portable & resalable items (e.g. VCRs, TVs, radios, cameras, etc...). Care should be taken when marking property such as silver or antiques so as not to devalue them.

Your ID number should be visible to police, so mark items in a conspicuous place. Don't mark on a removable part, or a part that is not essential to the item. Mark any item you can in more than one place. If the obvious number is removed, a less conspicuous number can still be used to trace the property. Use any number format that you can easily track and identify (e.g. ACL27899).

Don't wait until it's too late. Do it today!

Security Habits to Cover:

- Re-key locks when purchasing a new home or after keys have been lost/stolen.
- Place deadbolt locks on all exterior doors including the door from the garage leading to the inside of the house.
- Make sure that exterior doors and windows are always locked.
- Trim shrubbery away from entryways and windows.
- Light all entryways and the exterior of your residence.
- Make house numbers visible from the street day and night.
- Lock up all car doors & windows and remove valuables from sight.
- Use Operation Identification on all valuables.
- Know how to report emergencies to 9-1-1 and instruct children, too.
- In an emergency, know how to contact your neighbors.
- Do not reveal your name, phone number, address, or personal information to unknown telephone callers.
- Never tell a stranger your neighbor is not at home.
- Never give out information that you are alone, or when you will be away. Instruct children to do the same when answering the door or telephone.
- Postpone mail and newspaper deliveries before leaving for vacation.
- Give a trusted neighbor access to your home for periodic checks.

